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OF THE

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OF THE

Liberty and Ducktown Sunday School Convention

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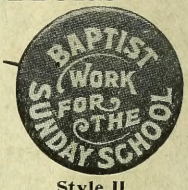

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Of the Fourth Session of the Liberty and Ducktown Sunday School Convention, Friday, August 30, 1907.

The Liberty and Ducktown S. S. Convention met according to adjournment of last session with the Shoal Creek Church, Cherokee County, N. C., Aug. 30, 1907. Introductory sermon by Rev. G. F. Burger. Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled by singing. The house was called to order by A. Rice, the former President. On motion J. H. Suit was appointed Secretary pro tem. Called for the letters from the various Sunday Schools, appointed Bros. A. K. Dickey and W. G. Sparks Reading Clerks, who read letters from the Sunday Schools and enrolled delegates' names as follows:

Fairview—G. G. Christopher, J. N. Suit, H. J. Ballew, Miss Lena Ledford, Miss Mabel Dickey, B. G. Fox, Rev. B. M. Ledford and A. K. Dickey.

Shoal Creek—G. W. Jones, J. H. Suit, M. M. Ledford, E. Montgomery, P. E. Nelson.

Friendship—W. G. Sparks, W. J. Lorance, A. T. Sanders, Miss Cora McNabb, Miss Cinda Pickelsimer, Rev. G. F. Burger.

Union—Bros. J. T. Payne, A. J. Williamson, A. L. Johnson and Sisters Velda Williamson, Maggie Mashburn, Jessie Morrow.

Hopewell—Bros. A. Rice, W. G. Payne, J. L. Morrow, Joseph Burger, Mrs. W. G. Payne, Mrs. Florence Tilson.

Pleasant Grove—Letter but no delegates.

On motion went into the election of officers of the Convention, which resulted in the election of A. Rice, President; Dr. S. S. Ball, Vice President; J. T. Payne, Secretary, and E. Montgomery, Treas. Then general program was read.

On motion Brother W. B. Dickey was given a seat as an honorary member. On motion Brothers A. K. Dickey and B. M. Ledford were enrolled as delegates from Fairview Church. On motion Rev. G. F. Burger and Dr. S. S. Ball were enrolled as delegates of Friendship Church. On motion Rev. T. W. Crowder and P. E. Nelson were enrolled as delegates of Shoal Creek Church.

A substitute program was submitted, read and adopted. Then took up first subject, "Are our Sunday Schools in a prosperous con-

dition?" Discussed by Rev. G. F. Burger; on motion the subject was passed. On motion speeches were limited to fifteen minutes.

The second subject was then taken up, "When is a Sunday School a success?" which was ably discussed by Rev. B. M. Ledford, W. G. Sparks, A. K. Dickey and others; on motion the second question was passed. On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30. Benediction by Elder B. M. Ledford.

Second Day---August 31.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional services by Elder B. M. Ledford; song by the choir, "I feel like traveling on." An invitation was given to visiting brethren and on motion Prof. J. M. Lovingood was made an honorary member of the body.

On motion the third item on program was passed without discussion and the fourth item taken up, subject, "Testimony Meeting: What the Sunday School has done for me." On motion speeches on this subject were limited to five minutes, and a number of brothers and sisters spoke on the subject. On motion Bros. M. W. Harris and R. R. Postell were made honorary members of the Convention. On motion the fourth subject was passed.

The fifth item was taken up, subject, "What shall be the marks of a standard Sunday School?" Discussed by W. G. Sparks. On motion fifth subject was passed. Essay by Miss Stella Akin, of Fairview Sunday School. Memorial of Brother L. D. McNabb was read and adopted. See memorial. Adjourned for refreshments for for an hour. Benediction by Rev. G. F. Burger.

Evening Session.

Called together by singing. Essay by Miss Velda Williamson, of Union Sunday School; subject, "How to promote the interests of a Sunday School." Song by the choir.

The sixth item was taken up, "Education," and ably discussed by Prof. J. M. Lovingood and others; on motion subject was passed.

The seventh item was then taken, subject "The Task of the Teacher." Discussed by A. K. Dickey. On motion the subject was passed. On motion appointed the next session of the Convention to be held with the Hopewell Church, 16 miles west of Murphy, N. C., and to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1908, and appointed W. G. Sparks to make the introductory address, and a Committee on Program consisting of A. K. Dickey, W. G. Sparks and P. E. Nelson. On motion adjourned until tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Rev. T. W. Crowder.

Sunday, September 1st.

Met according to adjournment. Song by the choir. Devotional services by Rev. G. F. Burger. Essay by Miss Mabel Dickey, of

Fairview Sunday School; subject, "The Duty of a Sunday School." Recitation by Mrs. Florence Tilson, of Hopewell Sunday School.

The eighth item, "Temperance Reform," was then taken up and discusssd by A. K. Dickey and Rev. Gay Bryant. On motion question eight was passed.

Ninth question, "The Orphanage," was discussed by W. G. Sparks. Collection was taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, amounting to $20.00.

Resolution of Thanks.

RESOLVED, That this Sunday School Convention tenders its heartfelt thanks to the people of Shoal Creek Church and community for their kind hospitality and for their able contribution in every way to the visitors of this Convention.

On motion the Convention was closed until time and place aforesaid, A. RICE, President.

J. T. PAYNE, Secretary.

MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, and from his earthly home to his home in Heaven, our much beloved friend and brother, L. D. McNabb, and

WHEREAS, Our hearts are grieved at this sad dispensation of Divine Providence, therefore be it

RESOLVED, 1. That his widow has lost a kind and devoted husband, his children an indulgent, faithful and loving father, his parents a dutiful and affectionate son, and his brothers and sisters an able counsellor and wise leader, the Church and Sunday School a consecrated worker, and the cause of missions, and especially foreign missions, a zealous leader and true friend; and the county of Cherokee a citizen of honor and prominence.

RESOLVED, 2. That the immediate community will feel most keenly this loss, he being a man whose heart was in sympathy, and whose hand was ever open to the relief of the distressed and the uplifting of the fallen; a man who always stood fearlessly and boldly for the right and against the wrong; whose character was above reproach, whose veracity no one questioned, whose Christian character was beautiful and exemplary.

RESOLVED, 3. That we extend to the friends of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy, and bow in humble submission to the will of Him Who doeth all things well.

RESOLVED, 4. That this memorial be printed in the Recorder, Cherokee Scout, spread upon the minutes of our Sunday School Convention and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

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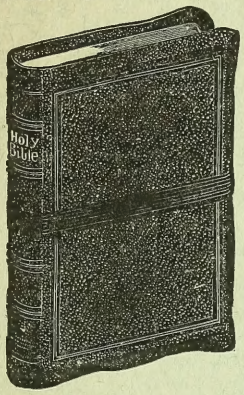

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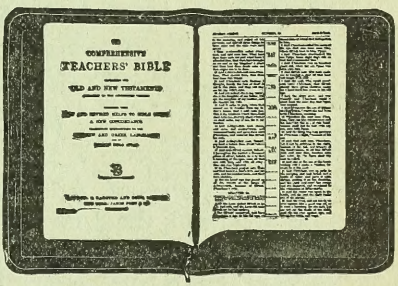

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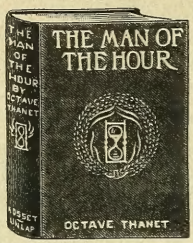

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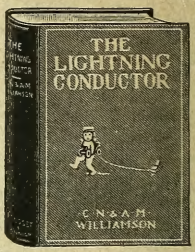

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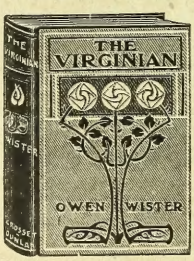

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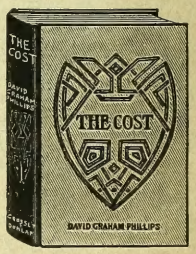

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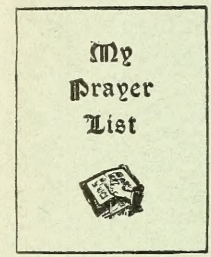

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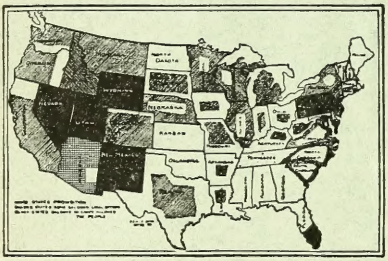

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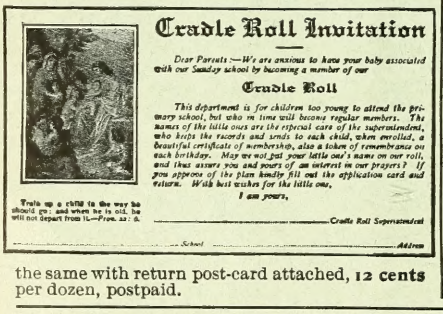

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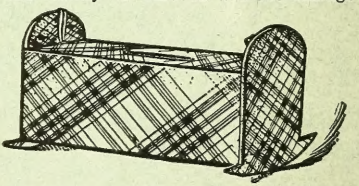

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Sunday Schools and Names of Delegates

Zion Hill---Rev. W. S. Kimsey.

Culberson---Rev. J. F. McGee, J. T. Sylvia, Ruth Dickey, Mary Sylvia and Maggie Rogers.

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Mine City---G. C. Parks, Thos. Chainey, R. P. McCarter, B. Fry, Chas. E. Taylor, Alice Anderson and Matie Garren.

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Pleasant Grove---Rev. W. A. Revis, John Hall and George Hogshead.

Pleasant Hill---D. T. McNabb and R. L. Lovingood.

Shoal Creek---G. W. Jones, J. H. Suit, M. M. Ledford, E. Montgomery and A. L. Johnson.

MINUTES

The Liberty and Ducktown Sunday School Convention met according to adjournment with the Hopewell Church, sixteen miles west of Murphy, Cherokee County, N. C., Sept. 4, 1908. Annual address by W. G. Sparks. House called to order by former president and organized by electing the following officers, viz: A. Rice, President; W. A. Revis, Vice President; Alice Anderson, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion A. K. Dickey and A. L. Tipett were elected as Reading Clerks.

The following churches were represented without letters of recommendation; Mount Pleasant with A. L. Tipett, W. A. Shields, Lila Shields and Barbra Shields as delegates; and Culberson with J. F. McGee, Ruth Dickey, J. F. Sylvia, Maggie Rogers and Mary Sylvia as delegates.

On motion all ministers present who were not delegates from any of the Sunday Schools in the Liberty and Ducktown Convention

were made delegates. The following were present: B. M. Ledford, Fairview; G. F. Burger, Friendship, and W. S. Kimsey, Zion Hill.

There was a motion for the President to call speakers on the subjects:

First subject, "How are we to gain strength and inspiration from our annual meetings?" Discussed by W. A. Revis and others. Music.

On motion the discussion of the second subject was postponed until 9 a. m. Saturday. Adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday. Benediction by W. A. Revis.

Saturday, September 5

Met according to adjournment. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. B. M. Ledford. Music. Read journal of Friday. On motion the discussion of the second subject was postponed until more speakers were present.

Third subject, "Qualification of teachers and importance of a teachers' meeting." Discussed by J. P. Blevens and others. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We realize the necessity of better qualified teachers in our Sunday schools. Resolved, That this Convention recommend and appoint a Sunday School teachers' meeting to be held for two days and ask the State Secretary to furnish us a competent instructor.

Adjourned for refreshments. Re-assembled by singing. Renewed call for delegates and received D. T. McNabb and R. L. Lovingood from Mt. Pleasant.

Essay by Miss Alice Anderson from Ducktown, Tenn. Subject, "Family Worship."

Second subject taken up. "Home reading and its effect on the mind, morals and character." Discussed by Rev. J. F. McGee and others. Essay by Miss Matie Garren from Ducktown, Tenn. Subject, "Home Influence."

The next session of this body will be held with the Pleasant Grove Church, seven miles west of Murphy, N. C., beginning at 11 a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1909. Annual address by A. K. Dickey.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Sunday. Benediction by Rev. W. S. Kimsey.

Sunday, September 6

Met according to adjournment. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. F. McGee. Music. Read Saturday's journal and on motion was adopted.

The following substitute being adopted for the original resolution: Whereas, The relation between our churches and Sunday schools have not been as intimate as it should be, and seeing the ne-

cessity of better qualified and more consecrated teachers; therefore be it resolved, That there be a Sunday School teachers' meeting organized in each church, to be presided over by the pastor, and in his absence by the Sunday School Superintendent, and to meet at least once each month and oftener if possible. Adopted.

Fourth subject, "How are we to reclaim the backslidden, reach and bring them in our Sunday School?" Discussed by Rev. B. M. Ledford and others. Music. Recitation by Mrs. Hattie Culberson from Hopewell. Subject, "The Master is Coming."

After a brief discussion by A. K. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas, on the 26th day of May, 1908, there was a sweeping victory in North Carolina for temperance when the state went dry by over 43,000 majority. Therefore be it resolved, By the Liberty and Ducktown Sunday School Convention, first, that we owe a great debt of gratitude to God for his manifest presence in this glorious work; second, that we pledge ourselves to work for the enforcement of the law enacted; third, that we pledge our support at the ballot box only to those who stand unalterably for the enforcement of our prohibitory laws.

Fifth subject, "What should be the attitude toward the unsaved of our schools and new converts in our churches?" Discussed by Rev. W. A. Revis and others. Adjourned for refreshments. Benediction by Rev. J. F. McKee. Re-assembled by singing. Prayer and scripture reading by Rev. J. P. Blevens. Read the journal of the forenoon.

The following resolution was adopted: We, the delegates and representatives of the several Sunday schools of this Convention hereby tender the following resolution: Whereas, The good people of Hopewell having so hospitably entertained the Convention, be it resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to them for their kindness.

Collection for the Thomasville Orphanage amounted to $8.81. Adjourned until 11 a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1909. Benediction by Rev. G. F. Burger. A. RICE, President.

ALICE ANDERSON, Secretary.

Family Worship

A prayerless family cannot be otherwise than irreligious. They who daily pray in their homes, do well; they that not only pray but read the Bible, do better; but they do best of all who not only pray and read the Bible, but sing the praises of God.

What scene can be more lovely on earth, more like the heavenly home, and more pleasing to God than that of a pious family kneeling with one accord around the home altar, and uniting their supplications to their Father in Heaven! How sublime the act of those parents who pray for the blessings of God upon their household! How lovely the scene of a pious mother gathering her little ones around her at the bedside, and teaching them the privilege of prayer! And what a safeguard in this, against all the powers of satan!

It is this which makes home a type of Heaven, the dwelling place of God. The family altar is heaven's threshold. And happy are those children who at the altar have been consecrated by a father's blessing, baptized by a mother's tears, and borne up to Heaven upon their joint petitions, as a voluntary thank offering to God. The home that has honored God with an altar of devotion may well be called blessed.

The influence of family worship is great, silent, irresistible and permanent. Like the calm, deep stream, it moves on in silent, but overwhelming power. It strikes its roots deep into the human heart and spreads its branches wide over the whole being, like the lily that braves the tempest, and the alpine flower that leans its cheek upon the bosom of eternal snows.

It affords home security and happiness, removes family friction, and causes all the complicated wheels of the home machinery to move on noiselessly and smoothly. It promotes union and harmony, expunges all selfishness, allays petulant feelings and turbulent passions, destroys peevishness of temper and makes home intercourse holy and delightful. It causes the members to reciprocate each other's affections, hushes the voice of recrimination, and exerts a softening and harmonizing influence over each heart. The dew of Heaven falls upon the home where prayer is made. Its members enjoy the good pleasantless of dwelling together in unity. It throws a sunshine around their hopes and interests; it increases their happiness and takes away the poignancy of grief and sorrow. It availeth much, both for time and eternity. Its voice has sent many a poor prodigal home to his father's house. Its answer has often been, "This man was born there!" The child, kneeling beside the pious mother, and pouring forth its infant prayer to God, must attract the notice of the heavenly host, and receive into its soul the power of a new life.

But in order to do this, the worship must be regular and devout, and the whole family engage in it. Some families are not careful to

have their children present when they worship. Some do not teach the children to kneel during prayer, and hence they awkwardly sit in their seats while the parents kneel. This is a sad mistake. If they do not kneel they naturally suppose they have no part or lot in the devotions, and soon feel that it is wrong for them to bow before the Lord. We have seen many cases where grown up sons and daughters have never bent the knee before the Lord, and thought it wrong to kneel until they were christians. In this way they were made more shy and stubborn, and felt that there was an impassable barrier between them and Christ. This feeling is wrong and unnecessary. If family worship had been rightly observed, they would have felt that they were very near the Savior, and would easily be inclined to give their hearts to him. Children thus trained very seldom grow to maturity without becoming practical christians.

Family worship in itself embodies a hallowing influence that pleads for its observance. Trials will enter a household. The conflict of wishes, the clashing of views, and a thousand other causes will ruffle the temper and produce jar and friction in the machinery of the family. There is then a need of something to restore the fine, harmonious play of its various parts. The father needs that which shall gently lift away the thoughts of his daily business; the mother that which shall smooth down the fretting irritation of her unceasing toil and trial, and the child that which shall neutralize the evils that ever beset them. There is nothing so well adapted to this as for all to gather, when the day is done, around the holy page and pour a united supplication to that sleepless Power, whose protection is ever around our path, and who will bring all things at last into judgment. And when darker and sadder days begin to shadow the home, what can cheer and brighten the sinking heart so much as resort to that Fatherly One who can make the tears of the lonliest sorrow to be the seed-pearls of the brightest crown? See what home becomes with religion as its life and rule! Human nature is there checked and molded by the amiable spirit and lovely character of Jesus. The mind is expanded, the heart softened, sentiments refined, passions subdued, hopes elevated, pursuits ennobled, the world cast into a shade, and heaven realized as the first prize. The great want of our intellectual and moral nature is here met, and home education becomes tinged deeply with the spirit and elements of our preparation for eternity.

Compare an irreligious home with this, and see the vast importance of family worship. It is a moral waste; its members move in the putrid atmosphere of misdirected power. Domestic life becomes clouded by a thousand crosses and disappointments; the solemn realities are cast into a shade, and the entire family, with its tender cords, becomes engulfed in criminal worldliness.

Family worship is included in the necessities of the children, and in the covenant promises of God. The penalties of its neglect, and the rewards of our faithfulness to it, should prompt us to its establishment in our homes. Its absence is a curse; its presence a blessing. It is a foretaste of heaven. Like manna, it will feed our souls, quench our thirst, sweeten our cup of life and shed glory and gladness around our firesides. Let yours be a religious home; and then be sure that God will delight to dwell therein, and his blessings will descend upon it. Your children shall "not be found begging bread," but shall be

like "olive plants around your table"---the "heritage of the Lord." Yours will be a home of love and harmony. Your household piety will be the crowning attribute of your peaceful home---the living stars that shall adorn the night of tribulation, and the "pillar of cloud and of fire" in its pilgrimage to a "better country." It shall strew the family threshold with the flowers of promise, and enshrine the memory of loved ones gone before, in all the hope of reunion in heaven which looms up from a dying hour. It shall give to the infant soul the "perfect flowering," and expand it in all the fullness of a generous love and conscious blessedness, making it "lustrous in the livery of divine knowledge." MISS ALICE ANDERSON.

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A. Rice, President
A. L, Tippet, Secretary

The next session of this body will be held with Macedonia Church, 4 miles East of Isabella, Tenn., beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1918. Annual Address to de delivered by J. T. L. Hartness, Welcome Address by J. M. Hampton.

PROCEEDINGS

The 14 annual session of the Liberty and Ducktown Sunday School Convention met, according to previous arrangement, with the church of Hopewell, 14 miles West of Murphy, N. C., Aug., 3rd 1917. House was called to order by the former President, A. Rice. Rev. J. N Dills being absent, Rev J. F. McGee was invited to make the Annual Address. Address of Welcome was made by A. L. Tippet. The Convention then adjourned till 1 P. M., for refreshments.

Reassembled at 1 P. M. Organized by electing A. Rice, President, A. L. Tippet Secretary, J. T. L. Hartness, Reading Clerk. Letters with representatives of the different Sunday Schools was called for and received as follows;

MACEDONIA,--J. M. Hampton, F.R. Carter, J. M. Simonds, Riley Morgan, J. H. Simonds.
1st Bap. Church, Isabella, Tenn-,J. O. Carroll, J. M. A. Clonts, R. M. Shields.
CULBERSON--J. F McGee, J. F. Foster, J. T. L. Hartness, Ruth Dickey, Kate McAlister, Elsie Mason.
Mt. Moriah--J. M. Chancey, I. N. Payne, A. L. Cole, W. W. Young, T. H. Cole.
HOPEWELL--J. M. Newman, J. M. Bryant, A. L. Tippet, Amanda Shear, Mrs. Lou Thomas.

Visiting brothers and sisters were invited to take seats with us. Report of Committee on Program was adopted.

3rd Question, "The Sunday School Past and Present" was taken up and discussed by Rev. J M. Gladson, F. R. Carter, A. L. Tippet, J. F. McGee, J. T. L. Hartness and J. M Hampton. On motion, question was passed.

On motion adjourned till 9 o' clock Sat. A. M. Benediction by Rev. J. F. McGee.

Saturday, 9 A M. Devotional Service conducted by Rev. J. M. Gladson.

1st Question, "Do we Baptists agree as to the importance of the Sunday School Convention" was taken up and discussed by Rev. J. F. McGee and James Carroll. On motion, the question was passed.

The second question was then taken up "If Sunday Schools are a thing that should be; then why not more interest among all our people?" Was discussed by A. L. Tippet, Mrs. Josie Harris, J. T. L. Hartness, Rev. J. M. Gladson and J. F. McGee. On motion the question was passed and the 4th Question was taken up "Are we using Sunday School Helps to the best advantage" discussed by J. M. Hampton, Mrs Josie Harris, A. Rice, J. F. McGee. On motion, question was passed. Adjourned till 1 P. M for refreshments. Benediction by Rev. J. F. McGee.

At 1 P M. reassembled by singing Prayer by J. M Hampton. 5th Question, "Do we, as Christians, use our best efforts in Sunday School to impress the importance of keeping the Lord's Day Holy?" was taken up and discussed by Mrs. Josie Harris, J. T. L. Hartness. On motion, question was passed and the 6th Question "Are the ministers of our Association interested in the Sunday School Work as they should be?" was taken up and discussed by J T. L. Hartness. On motion, the question was passed. A Resolution of hospitality was offered by J T. L. Hartness as follows;

We, the members of this Sunday School Convention, now assembled, do hereby extend to the Church and vicinity for their liberal hospitality, our sincere thanks.

J. T. L. Hartness.

J. D. Carroll and A. L. Tippet were appointed as Committee on Arrangements and Program.

The Committee on Arrangements report, and recommend that the next session of this convention convene with Macedonia Church, 3 miles East of Isabella, Tenn., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in Aug. 1918.

J. T.L. Hartness to make the Annual Address, and J. M. Hampton the Address of Welcome. The Secretary was instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. Sunday. Benediction by J. F. McGee.

SUNDAY

Services began by singing, then engaged in Sunday School, after which Rev. J. N. Dills preached an interesting sermon. Prayer by A. L. Tippet. A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $4.00.

On motion, this body stands adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

A. Rice, President

A. L. Tippet, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUPT.	CLERKS	Enrolled	Average attendance	Expenditures	Chapters read	Minute fund	Officers & teachers	Orphanage	Money on hand
1st Bap. ch, Isabella	J. D. Carroll	R. M. Shields	85	46	$25.08		2.00	8	2.53	
Mt. Moriah	J. N. Payne	L. E. Brown	100	65	6.29		.7		4.10	65
Macedonia	J. M. Hampton	J. M. Simonds	40	25			.75			
Culberson	J. F. Foster		71	30	3.48	2604	50	5	8.75	6.03
Hopewell	A. L. Tippet	Julia Rice	80	35	5.00	2000	1.00	8	4.00	

Mt. Moriah contributed $6.00 to Charity.